

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10

March 1, 2020



WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. **The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar** say: "Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery: catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices" (27).

HOW LONG DOES LENT LAST?

Lent is traditionally described as being a 40-day period, reminding us of the 40 days Christ spent in the desert after his baptism in the Jordan. Counting the 40 days, however, is a bit complicated. Lent once began on the First Sunday of Lent, and there was not fasting on Sundays, leaving only 34 fast days. To get 40, the church added the two days of the paschal fast (Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and then added four more days to the beginning of Lent. Today, the season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the start of the Triduum on Holy Thursday evening. That totals 44 days, if you include Sundays. So the first four days of Lent stand now as a kind of warm-up for the 40 days.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LENT?

The history of this season gives us some clues. Lent developed in the fourth century from three sources that merged.

- The first was an ancient paschal fast that originally lasted two days but was gradually lengthened.
- The second was the catechumenate, the process of preparation for baptism, which included intense periods of preparation for the initiation sacraments to be celebrated at Easter.
- The third was the order of the penitents, a process modeled on the catechumenate that sought a second conversion for those who had fallen into serious sin after baptism.

As the catechumens entered their final period of preparation for baptism, the penitents and the rest of the community accompanied them on their journey and prepared to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. That's a pretty good description of the purpose of Lent today. It is the final periods of preparation for the Elect, and the rest of the community supports them by their prayer and fasting. In the process, those already baptized prepare to renew their own baptismal commitment.

THOUGHT FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Reformed theologian Lewis Smedes said "Gandhi was right: if we all live by 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' the whole world would be blind and toothless. The only way to live is forgiveness."

LENT SCHEDULE

Passion Play
Friday, March 6th
7:00 PM in Church

Lenten Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 19th
7:00 PM

Lenten Penance Service
Tuesday, March 24th
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick Mass
(followed by reception in FPH)
Saturday, March 28th
10:00 AM

Lenten Guest Speaker
Deacon Pat Conlen
Wednesday, April 1st in Church
7:00 PM

Palm Sunday
Soup Supper & Bowl/Plate
Auction
Sunday, April 5th
2:00 PM in Activity Center

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 9th
7:00 PM Liturgy in Church
Followed by **ADORATION**
until 11 PM

Good Friday
Friday, April 10th
1:00 PM Liturgy in Church

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 11th
Food Blessing at 11:00 am in Church
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 12th
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fish Fry
Fridays during Lent
4:30—7:00 PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip


This past Saturday my two sons had me meet them for breakfast at a place called The French Toast Bistro. The food was overrated and overpriced; the place was overcrowded and parking was non-existent. So, I got to eat at a 4 star restaurant this past Saturday.

My concern was that I was going to get my annual grilling over my finances, my health, or my life style, or all three. (For the record: in the foreseeable future I will not be self-financing a run for President; for crying out loud, I'm seventy. When I see the doctor, he finds stuff wrong now; and what life style? (See my remarks about 70) It turned out that Mark wanted me to do his tax return and handed over his records. This could have been accomplished at Leo's.

Speaking of health, a number of people keep asking if I have lost weight. Yes, I have. My A1C count has been creeping up (I have no idea what that is, but it sounds important when I say it) so my doctor advised me to monitor my carbohydrate intake. I have been doing that. My A1C has gone down and the side effect has been that I have lost weight. Diabetes runs on both my mother's side of the family and on my father's side. I have since found out that two of my sisters also have to monitor their carbohydrate intakes, some of us inherit GM voting stock; the rest of us inherit bad vision, hair loss, and A1C issues.

Don't forget the Right to Life-Lifespan baby shower. I'll be on my way to Target to pick up something. I've come a long way. A few years back I had to run by my daughter-in-law's to ask her what a onesie was. She handed me the baby du jour and told me to look at what he was wearing. Sometimes audiovisual aids are the best way to impart information to the unlearned.

Don't forget our food pantry. Personal hygiene items, laundry and cleaning products, and paper products are very welcome. They are not covered by food stamps or the bridge card. Items from a dollar store are very welcome.



We have parishioners in need of a handyman as well as someone to shovel snow. Please contact Cindy at (734) 425-9771.



ALL Home-made PIEROGI Fundraiser hosted by POLANIE Song & Dance Ensemble. \$9 per dozen. Pick-up orders at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City: Potato/Cheese-3/14; Kraut-3/21; Potato/Onion-3/28. Call/text orders: Donna Kutylowski - 313-505-0057

or donnakutylowski@gmail.com or Facebook or Teresa Jedruszko - 734-306-7351 or teresaj63@aol.com or Facebook. All orders must be pre-paid by check payable to POLANIE, mail to: Teresa Jedruszko, Treasurer, 9888 Levan Road, Livonia, MI 48150



Dennis Karczynski
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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

- Maya Angelou

On a similar note, my dad always said, "to be someone people are happy to see, and not, happy to see you leave".

The Knights of Columbus have a reputation for helping those in need and making those in need feel wanted and special. For those men in our parish, you are always welcome to join us and be a part of something bigger. One of our other councils, recently sponsored a dinner to raise money for the St. Francis summer camp. Originally purchased by the Alhambra, the St. Francis Camp on the Lake serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. Their experiences provide opportunities to participate in new and challenging activities, which promote social, emotional, and physical development. Over \$60,000 was raised at that dinner for this organization where people with challenges are left feeling special for who they are and not how they look.

Thank you for all the times you have helped the Knights of Columbus, Alhambra and our Lady's Alter Sodality in their charitable works. We strive to be organizations that people are happy to see and help others feel better about themselves

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. or by appointment by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the desired date of Baptism. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic (that is attending Mass each weekend) and must be a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community for at least 3 months prior to the request. A baptism class is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples seeking to be married at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish should contact the parish priest at least seven months prior to the desired date of marriage. Both members of the party must be free to marry, at least one must be baptized Catholic and a registered member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community. Only the parish priest may confirm a date for a wedding at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to request this Sacrament. You do not need to wait until the person is actively dying to call.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. Memorial Masses are scheduled Monday-Friday normally.



Ministries Center
by
Cindy Portis
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Give up, give away, or give in

During Lent, we are prompted to think about what sacrifices we can make. Instead of “**giving up**” something why not try “**giving away?**”

There are many ways we can achieve this and some may be harder than others for some of us. Many of us have been raised that we should give something up during Lent. I always gave up sweets. Sometimes I can remember that I would **give in** to the temptation of a piece of birthday cake during Lent. After all, celebrating a birthday didn't count did it?

This year I decided to give away for Lent. Giving away, or sharing something I have or a talent God has given to me should be more thoughtful. It'll take an effort on my part more than just giving up cookies to achieve this.

- Give away unwanted clothing, shoes, household items.
- Give a plate of homemade cookies to your neighbor.
- Give God a few moments of your time by stopping in at church during the week.
- Give a compassionate ear to someone who just needs an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on.
- Give a few hours to help out at the Fish Fry on Friday here at church.
- Give quiet time to yourself by turning off your cell phone, the television or other distracting technology gadgets.
- Give your children some of your time by reading to them, or playing a game.
- Give a helping hand to someone at the grocery store who can't reach an item up high on a shelf.
- Give a hello to someone who you don't know or really don't have patience for.
- Give a few hours of your time sharing a talent you have with someone.
- Give a chance for that car to squeeze in your lane on the highway at the last minute.
- Give some time to help someone at their house with a simple home repair or moving something.
- Give a handwritten note to someone telling them how much you appreciate them.

There are many ways we can give of ourselves to others, but it takes thought and sometimes stepping out of our comfort zone to do so.

God has given his only Son to us. Jesus gave his life to save us. We have been given so much in our lives and this Lent we can give to others in thanksgiving for all God has given to us.

The easiest thing we can give away is a smile or a hug. **What will you do this Lent, give up, give away or give in?**

FOOD PANTRY

With the flu season upon us, the number one item people ask for at the pantry is kleenex. We very much appreciate your support of the food pantry and the items you generously donate.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, March 2, 2020

6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes.....(CR)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:30 pm Rosary Altar Sodality(FPH)

7:00 pm Baptism Meeting(PO)

8:00 pm AA(POB)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:00 am Breakfast with Bible(PO)

9:00 am Blanket Ministry(M)

1:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group(PO)

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study(PO)

7:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting(CR)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

4:30 pm Children's Choir.....(C)

Friday, March 6, 2020

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross(C)

4:30 pm Fish Fry(AC)

7:00 pm Passion Play(C)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 am Pierogi Making.....(AC)

9:00 am Polish Dance(AC)

3:00 pm Adult Choir(C)

3:30 pm Confession(C)

5:30 pm K of C Donuts/Cookies(FPH)

7:30 pm Kiwanis Club Great Pig Race(AC)

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Daylight Savings Time Begins

10:00 am RCIA.....(PO)

10:30 am Children's Choir.....(C)

11:00 am Mass (Children's Mass/Children's Choir)(C)

12:00 pm Baptism(C)

AC = Activity Center

C = Church

CR = Classroom in School

FPH = Fr. Prus Hall

KLAB = Keyboard Lab

M = Ministry Building

PL = Parking Lot

PO= Parish Office Meeting Room

POB = Parish Office Basement

POC = Parish Office Chapel

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Hope you enjoyed your fish fry last Friday. If you missed the first fish fry, you missed out on an awesome meal. We are Garden City's greatest fish fry. We are the best because we use our own recipe and hand batter Icelandic haddock. Add potatoes, cole slaw, a roll and butter and your drink of choice. For a change of pace, try our shrimp or dinner combos. We also have cheese pizza and mac & cheese for your pleasure.

Complete your meal with dessert from our bake sale. We have great bakers in our parish.

Remember, we are in need of baked goods (cakes, pies, cookies and cupcakes) every Friday in Lent for the fish fry bake sale. Bring baked items to the activities center Friday before the fish fry begins. Bring items over after 8:00 in the morning.

Invite friends and neighbors to try our fish fry. All proceeds from the fish fry go to our fall festival. Keep supporting our fish fry. Good company, great food!



Scripture Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday, March 2, 2020

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Saint Casimir

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cd-e-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 6, 2020

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

St. Thomas the Apostle! YAY!

This year at our "World Famous Fish Fry" we will be selling

Spirit Wear!

This means St. Thomas the Apostle T-shirts, Sweatshirts, & Hoodies will be available for purchase. They are navy blue with white lettering. Show the love of your parish family by wearing one of our shirts! All proceeds go directly to our parish.

T-Shirts - \$12.00

Crewneck Sweatshirt - \$17.00

Hoodies - \$23.00

See you at the Fish Fry!!

Worship Schedule		March 7 & 8, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	REV. LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	REV. LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	REV. LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK JENNIFER CASSELL KRISTEL ALEGADO	TOM WILHELM JAMES SHUPE MOLLY BAKER	ANTHONY WOODWARD ABBY HODGE MICHELLE KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	JUDY KOSLOSKY LINDA LUTKE BANDY MULKA AMANDA MURRAY BOB PAUL DAWN WYSOCKI	GAIL COZZAGLIO MATT FRANCKOWIAK DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER CHUCK ENDRSZL	TEREZE AULA JUDY MACKENZIE DAVID MESZAROS JILL QUEEN SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	CRISANTO DEL RIO	DAN LOBB	JUDY MACKENZIE
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	ANN MYLES	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+ANN POPEK +MICHELE GENTILE +GERTRUDE STRETKE +ARTHUR & ANN KAPANKE JOHN "PEPSI" PEPERA	PARISIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	+RONALD MACK +DONALD ULIVI

Weekday Masses

March 2-March 6, 2020

Monday, March 2

8:30 am.....CHAPEL

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 am.....CHURCH

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, March 4

8:30 am.....CHAPEL

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, March 5

8:30 amCHAPEL

+FRED RAWLINGS

Friday, March 6

8:30 am CHURCH

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

M & M's

Come join the M & M's. A senior group which meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at noon in the Fr. Prus Room (Resurrection Room) for Potluck and games. We meet again on the 4th Thursday of the month for a planned outing. Please check us out.

M & M President

Ted Maloney 734-231-7879

Treasurer - Dolly Dowd 734-467-5467

The PRCUA (Polish Roman Catholic Union of America) Tatry Dancers would like to invite you to an afternoon of Traditional Polish dance. We are holding our 49th Annual Dance Recital at 3:00pm on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Lincoln Park High School, 1650 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Ticket donations are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Our kids range in age from 3-18 from all over metro Detroit, from Commerce to Warren to Detroit to Downriver, celebrating our Polish and Catholic heritage.

For information, please call 248-255-9336 or email: tatrysecretary@outlook.com.

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering

St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish.

Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Weekend Collection February 22 & 23, 2020

Envelope contributions:	8,489.24
Loose contributions:	866.06

Total Sunday Offertory	\$9,355.30
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount	-1,048.70
Total # of envelopes	330
Average envelope contribution	\$28.35

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Gift to God	\$ 1.00
Utility	99.00

TOTAL	\$100.00
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Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.



SHAMROCK SHUFFLE CARD PARTY

Wednesday, March 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Activities Center

TICKETS ARE \$10 and can be purchased at the Parish Office

Join us for a fun Irish event. Come out with friends or family and play your favorite card game, dice game, board game or just sit and talk. We have a 50/50, basket raffles and delicious desserts for you to partake in throughout the evening. There is also food available for purchase, Hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, pop and water.

For the Shamrock Shuffle, we are in need of door prizes. In the past we have been able to give everyone who attends a door prize. In order to accomplish this goal, we depend on YOU for your generous donations.

At this time we are requesting the following:

1. **Donated new items valued between \$5.00 & \$10.00**, also cash to purchase gift cards for prizes
2. **Donated new items valued \$15.00 or more.**

Please drop off prizes at the Parish Center office or leave them in the ushers room at church. Call Cindy at the ministry office if you have any questions, 734 425-9771. We are again going to have a Dessert Smorgasbord. We will be asking for your favorite desserts at a later date. THANK YOU in advance for your generous donations of prizes and baked goods but most of all your valued time.



PAUL SHAFER

Music Ministry

Thank you to the children's choir, adult choir, participation from the pews and for helping to lead the Alleluia Hymn Sing last Sunday. Alleluias were definitely ringing throughout the building! The Hallelujah Chorus rendition by all will be one to remember. Everyone also enjoyed a wonderful reception hosted by the adult choir,

As we enter in to the season of Lent, our sung responses are changing from Mass of Joy and Peace to the Land of Rest.

Sung petition response: Hear Us, Hear Us

368 Memorial Acclamation B

369 Amen

391 Lamb of God

367 Holy, Holy, Holy



Kiwanis Club of GARDEN CITY

PRESENTS
the

4th ANNUAL GREAT PIG RACE



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.

Post Time 7:30p.m.

TICKETS \$20.00

21 and OVER ONLY

St. Thomas the Apostle

Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts
\$Cash Bar\$



For More Information or to Purchase Tickets

Contact: John @ 734-604-0227 or Kim @ 734-536-0373

Rob Smitt @ 734-377-4731 or Deb Smitt @ 734-377-7501

Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen	Chicila, Pam	Levoir, Lorraine	Persondek, Cristin	Thomas, Michael
Ainsworth, Ron	Cunningham, John	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Tomasi, Jack
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Daughtery, Jeff	Malone, Della	Pryce, Mary Ann	Vaughn, Kelly
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Colleen	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Magdalen	Wysocki, Ken
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Mathison, Bonnie	(Maggie)	Zonca, Barbara
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Mathison, Jackie	Rawlings, Therese	Ziolkowski, Norm
Asini, Eloho	Farr, Viola	Mayfield, Sally	Robertson, Michael	
Asini, Margaret	Hamm, Jo	McGrath, Jim	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Bargardi, Carl	Hayes, Jacqueline	Merritt, Dan	Rollins, Joan	
Bargardi, Frances	Healy, Phil	Miklousich, Lena	Romanowski, Ronald	
Bartlett, Carol	Henry, Bernadine	Mirabitor, Timmy	Saenz, Carlos	
Boyak, Carolyn	Herlihy, Patrick	Mocadlo, Audrey	Sanregret, Anna	
Bufalini, Rose	Hrlac, Betty	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burdish, Cathy	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Skorupa, Peter	
Burke, Larry	Jones, Marie	Murray, Colleen	Smith, Helen	
Burrell, Fred	Kietur, Deanna	Nantz, Janice	Staudacher, Jason	
Burris, Nikita	Kleczyński, Richard	Needham, Jim	Sulkowski, Dee	
Burris Family	Koslosky, Alphonse	Newman, Theresa	Sulkowski, Karen	
Chateauvert, Rita	Kowalczyk, Al	Niemczewski, Gordon	Summet, Fred	
	Kuslowski, Walter	Parker, Sharon	Szura, Samantha	
	Larry, Bruce	Pastula, Shirley	Tetreau, Audrey	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2019-June 30, 2020

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family	Deceased members of the Kattula family
Deceased members Szuba-Balawajder family	In loving memory of Al Kolpacke
In loving memory of Charles Batherson	Loving memory of Gorny and Kushnir family
In loving memory of Thomas Bencic	Malish-Porembiak family
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In memory of Madeline Frank & Michael Mangold
In loving memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	Loving memory of Jerry Moynahan
In loving memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Dec. & Liv. members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of the Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of coach Dave Cain	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In loving memory of Raymond and Virginia Carozza	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Liv & Dec friends & family of Tommy & Barbara Cockrum	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
William, Gloria, & Billy Cozzaglio	Richard & Eleanore Reed
In loving memory of Robert E. Derda	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
In loving memory of Michael Dicker	Loving memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Loving memory of Bill Wilson
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Special Intention of D.A.K.	In loving memory of Fred Zonca
Deceased Members of Kapanke-Omilian Family	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	Yount, Alex
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Please join us next week as our Fourth Grade students will be leading us in Scripture and the Prayers of the Faithful on Sunday, March 8 at our 11:00am Mass. They will be joined by the angelic voices of our Children's Choir to bring us a very special Children's Mass. Please come and support them as they brave their fears of public speaking to proclaim His word!

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES!!

St. Mary Cause of our Joy will be hosting the awe-inspiring Jesse Manibusan for three evenings from Sunday, March 15 through Tuesday, March 17. Jesse Manibusan is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and teller of humorous tales. Well recognized throughout the country as a dynamic, eclectic speaker and musician, Jesse shares from his heart the love of Christ and the call to live out our baptism in every aspect of life. Jesse is a familiar presence at diocesan conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada, including the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), World Youth Day events, LIFE TEEN events and many others. We will be taking a group and carpooling on Tuesday, March 17 leaving from the parking lot at St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:00pm and returning at approximately 8:30pm. This is a GREAT opportunity to see Jesse while he is in our area. He is a very popular speaker who works a lot with young people, but has a message for EVERYONE! Please contact Missy to sign up if you'd like to carpool with us! It's an evening you won't want to miss!!



You are cordially invited to join our young adults as they present the story ***I WAS THERE***. This very unique study of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ is done through the testimony of those who were eye-witnesses to the pain and suffering of Jesus from the time he was sentenced by Pontius Pilate to the awestruck friends who found his tomb empty. This will be an evening that you won't soon forget and a presentation that helps us FEEL and understand the heaviness and sadness of those events that our Lord endured for each and every one of us. Please invite a friend and plan to join us for this very moving dramatic presentation that is sure to help us remember what this season of Lent is all about.

I Was There
A Dramatic Presentation
of the Passion of our Lord Jesus
Christ



Presented by
the Young People of
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Friday, March 6 at 7pm

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



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"HOW DOES THE EUCHARIST STRENGTHEN YOU?"

It is yet another reminder of God's love, and it represents him in us and how we must keep him in our lives, on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.

-STEVEN KOVALESKI, ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, GARDEN CITY

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Rosary Altar Sodality News

Our next mass is this weekend, Sunday, March 1st at 9:00 am. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Prus Hall. We will be having a speaker, talking about Lent.

Please keep bringing in needed items for our food pantry. Look in Cindy Portis' article for the list of items that are most needed at this time. Thank you for your support in keeping our community fed!

Our fashion show is coming up on April 30th. This is our BIG fundraiser. We are looking for gift cards, empty baskets (all sizes), money, donations of new items to put into baskets, and baskets that are all put together. Get some friends together and think of a theme for a basket and purchase items that go with that theme. It does not have to be expensive. I know we have a lot a bargain shoppers in our ranks! Some ideas for baskets could be a sports themed basket, garden basket, Mexican dinner basket, etc... Use your creativity!

We also need models, volunteers to check ladies in, sell raffle tickets and share the wealth tickets and hostess. We also need gentleman to wait tables. Please contact Missy if you are able and willing to volunteer.

Lent has begun and our world famous fish fries have started. Ladies, please use your baking skills to create amazing desserts (or purchase) to be donated to our fish fry bake sale.

Please remember the Shamrock Shuffle is coming up on March 11th. Please consider coming to this wonderful event. You can play cards or a board game or just catch up with friends. There are wonderful desserts provided and food available for purchase. If you are not able to attend, please consider supporting the Shamrock shuffle by purchasing raffle tickets. Thank you for all you do for St. Thomas the Apostle parish!

If you are interested in seeing what the RAS is all about, please come to a meeting and check us out! See you in church!

Anne Ellis

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Mission Statement

We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle,

"My Lord and my God."

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The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

(Office is closed daily from
12:00 pm-12:30 pm for lunch.)

Sacraments

MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm

Sunday9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Monday & Thursday8:30 am (Chapel)

Tuesday & Friday8:30 am (Church)

Communion Service

Wednesday8:30 am (Church)

Reconciliation is Celebrated

On Saturday at 3:30 pm or
by appointment